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- 1. AMBASSADOR CONVEYED CONTENTS REFTEL TO FORMIN PAK TONG-CHIN FEBRUARY 9. PAK EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR ADVANCED NOTIFICATION AND INDICATED HE WOULD ADVISE BLUE HOUSE.
- 2. HE THEN RAISED TWO POINTS. IF NEGOTIATING PROCESS LED TO U.S. RECOGNITION OF SVN, THIS WOULD OPEN WAY PRESUMABLY FOR VIETNAM ENTRY INTO UNITED NATIONS AND THIS ENTRY WOULD IN TURN REPRESENT NET SWING OF TWO VOTES AGAINST ROK ON KOREAN QUESTION. PAK SIMPLY ASKED THAT WE KEEP THIS CONCERN IN MIND AND AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD PASS IT ON TO WASHINGTON.
- 3. PAK ALSO NOTED THAT THREE ROK DIPLOMATS WERE STILL BEING HELD IN HANOI, ALTHOUGH A YEAR HAD PASSED SINCE THEIR CAPTURE. ANYTHING WE MIGHT DO TO FACILITATEITHEIR RELEASE IN COURSE DISCUSSIONS WITH VIETNAMESE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. AMBASSADOR AGREED TO PASS THIS ON ALSO. PAK THEN ADDED THAT ROKG HAD BEEN TALKING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM TO FRENCH, SWEDES AND ICRC, ALL OF WMOM HAD BEEN HELPFUL. LATEST NEWS WAS THAT HANOI HAD AGREED FOR FIRST TIME TO ALLOW SECRET

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REPRESENTATIVE OF KOREANS REMAINING IN SAIGON TO INTERVIEW TWO JUNIOR DIPLOMATS BEING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE SENIOR DIPLRMAT, THE FORMER ROK MINISTER IN SAIGON, BUT THE ROKG HAD RECEIVED A LETTER THROUGH FRENCH CHANNELS FROM THE MINISTER. IT REPORTED THAT HE WAS NOT IN VERY GOOD HEALTH, BUT THAT OTHERWISE HIS CONDITIONS WERE O.K.

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